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Marines in Africa – Now and in the Future

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Overview

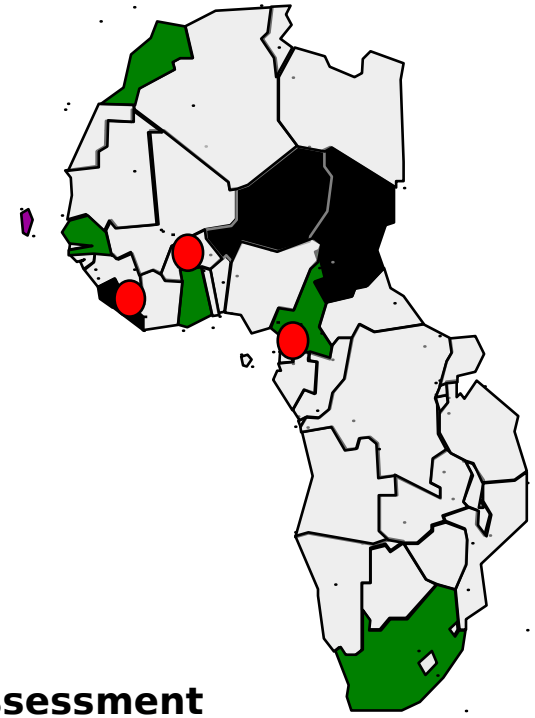
- Marines in Africa – Now
  - Where have we been?
- …and in the Future
  - Where are we going?
  - What do we want to accomplish in Africa?
  - How can we get there?

IMATT – Sierra Leone

Marines in Africa - Now

- Where have we been?
  - 2001 to present
    - Sierra Leone IMATT
  - 2003
    - Ex WATC 04
      - South Africa, Cameroon, Ghana
      - The Gambia, and Senegal
  - 2004
    - CDRUSEUCOM Liberia Assessment
    - DoS Pan Sahel Initiative (PSI)
      - Chad and Niger
    - DoS ACOTA Program
      - Senegal
    - Cape Verde Rapid Response Force Assessment

PSI - Chad



USMC-Trained Nigerien Soldiers, 2004

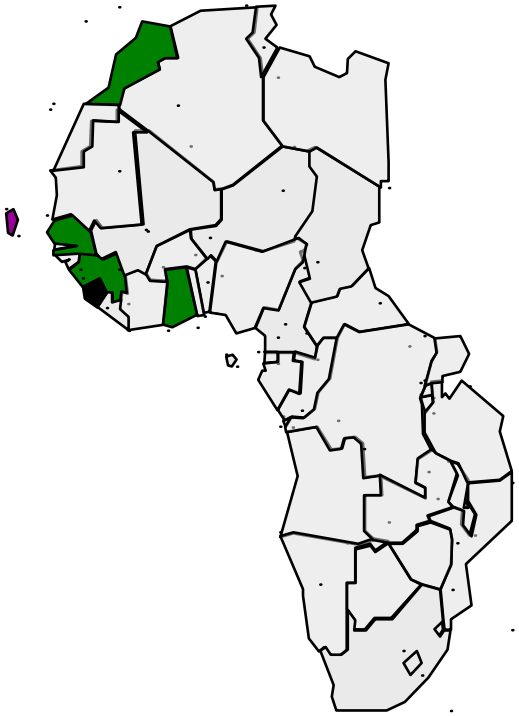
Samari Mountains, North of Niamey

Marines in Africa - Now

WATC 06 - Senegal

WATC 06 - Guinea

- Where have we been?
  - 2005
    - Ex Africa Lion 05
      - Morocco
    - Ex WATC 06
      - Guinea, Ghana, and Senegal
    - KAIPTC LNO
      - Ghana
    - JCTP Mil-Mil Events
      - Cape Verde



…and in the Future

- **Where are we going?**
  - **CDRUSEUCOM's focus has shifted South (Africa) and East (Eastern Europe)**
    - **Current MARFOREUR/MARFORCOM resources focused on OIF/OEF**
    - **Need to look beyond current fight and prepare for future requirements**
      - **Significance of "Phase 0" efforts to Africa**
      - **Requires Inter-Agency and USMC philosophical changes**
      - **Titles 10 and 22 funding disconnect must be fixed**

…and in the Future

- What do we want to accomplish in Africa?
  - *Reinforce existing USMC-Africa relationships*
  - Support CDRUSEUCOM's Africa objectives
    - Pri #1: Operation Enduring Freedom – Trans-Sahara (OEF-TS)
      - Train and equip HN forces to conduct rapid-reaction operations in order to preclude terrorists and terror organizations from establishing sanctuaries in the Sahel region
      - MARFOREUR = component coordination with SOCEUR
        - Priority Order: Niger, Chad (EUCOM OEF-TS Countries)
    - Pri #2: Assist African regional organizations
      - Help African Standby Forces become fully mission capable
      - MARFOREUR = Ghana (EUCOM Priority Partner) and future ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF)
    - Pri #3: Security Programs
      - Foster better military training and education, peace operations capabilities, resources, and infrastructure
      - MARFOREUR = Ghana (EUCOM Priority Partner); Senegal (EUCOM Cooperation and OEF-TS Country)

...and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - 2006 and beyond
    - Past MARFOREUR Africa commitments will continue
      - Exercises Africa Lion 06 (Morocco) and Shared Accord 06 (Niger)
      - JCTP Mil-Mil Events
        - Cape Verde, Mali, Morocco, Sao Tome, S. Africa, Niger
      - Sierra Leone IMATT
      - USDAO assignments in Senegal and Ghana

...and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - Additional Ghana engagement
    - EUCOM Priority Partner and "Anchor of Stability"
    - Professional military
    - Bundase Training Area
    - Achiase Jungle Warfare School (JWS)
      - Marine Corps Foreign Personnel Exchange Program (MCFPEP)
      - SNCO/Officer - Instructor exchange with USMC JWS in Okinawa, Japan
    - USMC KAIPTC LNO
      - PK Capacity Building and ESF Development
      - MAGTF Tactical Warfare Simulation (MTWS)

Achiase JWS, Oct 05

...and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - Work with friends in Africa
    - Common interests
    - Model for regional cooperation and professional military exchange
    - Service-service staff talks
    - United Kingdom, France, Spain, Italy, other NATO partners, Japan

WATC 06 - Senegal

…and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - Change East Coast MEU (SOC) deployments
    - Suez Canal important, but Mediterranean presence is less so
    - Include littoral West Africa in MEU exercises
      - Focus on ECOWAS Standby Force donor nations

USS Gunston Hall (LSD-44) – Senegal Nov 05

…and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - Improve USMC FAO/RAO Program
    - Identify more Africa-relevant FAO/RAO-Coded Billets
      - MARFOREUR and KAIPTC requirements for 9825 Sub-Saharan Africa RAOs
      - Re-align Regional Security Affairs graduate programs at Naval Postgraduate School with COCOM's shifting focus on Africa
    - Send USMC officers to civilian graduate school regional affairs programs
      - Pete Ellis and U.K. "Walk-about" Program
      - DoD "Defense Language Transformation Roadmap"
        - *Culture* & language will be required for non-FAO/RAOs
- USMC Serious?
  - Select FAOs/RAOs for promotion
  - Like other critical skills, precept FAOs/RAOs for promotion selection boards

USMC 9825 Sub-Saharan Africa RAO – Sierra Leone IMATT 2002

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- How can we get there?
  - MARFOREUR General Officer Africa travel
  - Deploy MARFOREUR staff to conduct limited

DoS ACOTA NEO Trng – Thies, Senegal Dec 04

- MARFOREUR USMCR Mobile Training Unit (MTU)
  - Pool of senior officers and SNCOs with skills, e.g., language
    - Example: USMCR intel Major = French-linguist DoS Pol-Mil officer at USEMB Mauritania
  - Must recruit, but not limited by MOS
  - Challenge is funding, not billets
  - Greater flexibility than IMA
  - 20-25 billets with 3-4 year unit commitment

Both ideal for short-duration Africa events

- TSCTI follow-up training
- JCTP events
- DoS ACOTA Program

…and in the Future

- How can we get there?
  - Increase support for the DoS ACOTA peacekeeping capacity-building program.
    - DoS-funded
    - Small number of personnel required (usually 3 uniformed officers/NCOs)
    - Resources
      - NPS-assigned Sub-Saharan Africa RAOs/FAOs
      - MARFOREUR staff
      - MARFOREUR Reserve Mobile Training Unit (MTU)
      - USMC FMF officers assigned Africa regional area focus
      - TEEPed USMC unit contributions
    - MARFOREUR commitments
      - Mali, Senegal, and Ghana in Feb and Mar 06
  - EUCOM components need DIRLAUTH with DoS ACOTA Program

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- How can we get there?

- MAGTF Tactical Warfare Simulation (MTWS)
  - Tactical to Operational level staff training support
  - Focus on joint/combined staff planning and C2
  - Engagement value; young NCOs/Officers to higher level staffs and commanders
  - Scheduled for Morocco and Niger in 2006
    - TBD = Ghana (ESF) in 2007

- NDU Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)
  - Educational resource for USMC officers & SNCOs
  - Upcoming and past courses
    - Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Topical Seminar -- Algiers, Algeria, Feb 2006
    - Africa Center Course: Introduction to African Security Issues -- Fort McNair, Washington DC, USA, 2004
    - Counter-Terrorism Topical Seminar -- Bamako, Mali, 2003

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